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Snow room to improve

WINTER
Sidewalk clearing not likely to be any better this year

Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Residents may want to start praying for mercy from Mother Nature, as there is little promise of change in snow clearing for Halifax sidewalks this winter.

The issue was debated at length during Tuesday's Committee of the Whole meeting, where city staff presented a review of last winter's operations, which resulted in councillors' sharp rebuke of the staff's failure to investigate alternatives to current sidewalk- and street-clearing standards.

"We've had snow events over the past two years that were nothing like we've seen before," Coun. Linda Mosher said Tuesday. "But the report focuses on processes and not outcomes of public safety."

Because all 34 of the peninsula's sidewalk route contracts will not expire until 2016-17, renegotiating the entire program would have to happen the following year, explained Darrin Natolino, superintendent of winter works.

In the meantime, a report is planned for November with some proposals for this season, including improved coordination of resources.

"I want to be clear to people that our ability to come back with any recommendations that could be implemented this winter is very, very low," the city's chief administrative officer Richard Butts told Tuesday's committee.

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The SPCA says this is where the beagles were located on the property in West Gore. The organization routinely gets calls regarding abandoned animals, but not to the extent of this particular case where there were 14 dogs altogether — seven adults and seven puppies. CONTRIBUTED/SPCA

Fourteen beagles found abandoned

NOVA SCOTIA SPCA

Seized dogs were taken to a shelter, adults up for adoption

Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

If you've always wanted to rescue a beagle, now is your chance. Fourteen abandoned hounds will be looking for new homes in the coming weeks.

The Nova Scotia SPCA Cruelty Investigations team responded

to a call to a property in the East Hants area on July 22.

"We had reason to believe the dogs had been left by themselves for a couple of days, and that nobody was going to come back to take care of them," said Benjamin Amini, one of the investigators.

Officers seized 14 beagles — seven of them puppies — from the West Gore property. Officers then brought the dogs to its Dartmouth shelter.

Amini said the beagles did not seem to be in distress.

Investigators have been unable to locate the owners of the dogs ever since.

"I don't know whether some-

one was breeding these dogs," said Amini. "We're hoping anyone with information regarding the owner will contact us."

Upon their arrival to the shelter, the dogs were medically examined.

"They were in fairly good condition," he said.

The adult dogs are now up for adoption and can be visited at the Dartmouth location.

Amini said the puppies are only four to five weeks old, so they are not available for adoption yet. The puppies will be able to go to new homes once they are old enough and have all their vaccines.

Amini added that, unfortu-

+ HAVE A TIP?

SPCA seeks info on owners

The SPCA asks that anyone with information on the owner or owners of the beagles contact its investigation team at 1-888-703-7722.

nately, the SPCA gets calls about abandoned animals on a weekly basis.

"This is a very common occurrence that we deal with here," Amini said, "(but) it doesn't happen in this volume often."

VANDALISM

Camp Harris scout buildings damaged

Police are investigating a break and enter at the Camp Harris Scout Camp outside of Halifax.

According to the RCMP, officers were called to the location in Mineville at around 7:30 p.m. on Aug. 1.

When officers arrived they found six buildings were damaged.

Four of them had windows broken or tampered with and the doors of two other buildings were vandalized.

Police say the culprits entered the building known as Booth

+ TIMEFRAME

Police believe the break-in occurred sometime between July 30 and Aug. 1. The last camp was on July 30.

Camp and stole a small amount of cash.

Police are asking anyone with information to call Halifax District RCMP at 902-244-7208, Halifax Regional Police at 902-490-5180, or Crime Stoppers. METRO

DARTMOUTH

Youth stabbed after altercation

Police say a fight between two young men resulted in one of them being stabbed and taken to hospital on Monday night.

The incident happened around 11:30 p.m. in the 300 block of Prince Albert Road in Dartmouth.

According to police, during an

altercation an 18-year-old man received a stab wound and was taken to hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

A 17-year-old boy was arrested a short time later and is expected to be charged with aggravated assault. METRO

CRIME

Man faces charges after arson spree

Police in Halifax say a 45-year-old man faces charges after four incidents of arson.

Police say a portable toilet was destroyed in a fire over the noon hour Monday at a construction site on Alumni Crescent.

At 6 p.m. a sport utility vehicle was set alight and destroyed along the 1300 block of Hollis Street.

Later, police reported minimal damage after a carport fire at a multi-unit building on Vic-

toria Road and following a fire in a parked tour bus along the 1400 block of Hollis Street.

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+ QUICK ARREST

The suspect was arrested shortly after the bus fire after witnesses provided a physical description to police officers.

THEFT

Taser used on suspect after armed robbery

Police say they used a Taser on a 45-year-old man while he was being arrested for allegedly robbing a Halifax convenience store Monday night.

Police say a man armed with a knife entered the Needs convenience store on Chebucto Road around 10 p.m., and stole cash and merchandise.

When he was leaving, the officers confronted him, and he was eventually Tasered, a police release states.

"He refused to comply with police commands as he exited the store and a conducted energy weapon was deployed to effect the arrest," the release states.

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A 45-year-old man is facing robbery charges following a incident at Needs convenience. The suspect was to appear in court on Tuesday. METRO FILE

IN BRIEF

Police seek suspects in vehicle theft, vandalism

Halifax police are looking for suspects after a stolen truck was found burned out in Beaver Bank. The pickup truck, owned by Teak Tree Enterprises, was stolen around 3 p.m. Saturday. It turned up Monday morning, but when firefighters showed up the truck was smouldering. METRO

Investigation underway in elementary school fire

Halifax police are investigating the cause of a suspicious fire at an elementary school. On Sunday just before 7 a.m., police were called to Monarch Drive Elementary School where a portable classroom was on fire. Police have no suspects. The investigation is ongoing. METRO

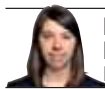


The Christopher Stannix ferry is shown at its launch in the spring of 2014. JEFF HARPER/METRO

The Christopher Stannix returns

WOODSIDE

15-minute ferry service back during peak hours



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

Those who commute to and from Dartmouth using the Woodside ferry can once again enjoy a full schedule.

As of Tuesday morning, the Woodside ferry service was back to 15-minute service during peak times in the morning and afternoon thanks to the return of the Christopher

Stannix.

The Stannix had been out of commission since July 13 due to an issue with the propulsion, HRM spokeswoman Jennifer Stairs said Tuesday, and was fixed up with a "short-term" solution.

"It's enough to keep the ferry in operation right now but we will require further work to permanently fix the problem," Stairs said.

That work will likely be done once the new Craig Blake ferry comes online for the Woodside service so there will be no disruptions for passengers, she said.

"It's all going to happen at about the same time," Stairs said.

The Craig Blake is expected

to go into service this September as Halifax Transit's fifth ferry.

Stairs said the city is waiting on a final report from the manufacturer regarding the issues with the propulsion system before the permanent upgrades can be completed.

The Stannix was launched in the spring of 2014 and dealt with a few maintenance issues over the past year but nothing "major" until the propulsion problem this July, Stairs said.

+ SCHEDULE

Check online:

Go to halifax.ca/transit to see the full ferry schedule.

FERRY SERVICE

Nova Star lands winter route between England and France

The company that operates the ferry between Nova Scotia and Maine says it has secured off-season winter business in Europe.

Nova Star Cruises says beginning Nov. 1 it will offer three-times-per-day service between England and France.

The new business for the ferry service is the result of a multi-year agreement with Euro-

ferries Express Ltd.

Company CEO Mark Amundsen says the work will help make the money-losing route between Portland, Maine and Yarmouth, N.S., more economically viable.

Nova Star will end its Portland to Yarmouth service for the 2015 season on Oct. 13.

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\$13M

The Nova Scotia government is providing \$13 million this year after spending \$28.5 million to subsidize the ferry last season.

JUDIQUE, N.S.

Cape Breton community rallies to save beached whales

A resident of a small community on Cape Breton's west coast says about 25 people rallied to try and save 16 beached pilot whales after they became stuck on the rocky shores of St. George's Bay.

Linden MacIntyre, a former journalist who lives about a kilometre from the bay in Judique, N.S., says he believes the whales were beached early

Tuesday morning as the tide went out.

MacIntyre says a resident noticed the whales later Tuesday morning and began calling other people in the area to help keep the mammals alive until the tide came back in.

He says the rough surf kept the whales wet, so their main concern was keeping the whale's blowholes uncovered so they did not drown.

MacIntyre says as the tide came in, residents worked together to move the whales to safety, with some wading in neck-deep water.

He says 11 whales survived, but five died, including a small whale and a larger whale that was about three metres long.

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The whales pictured on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Men pitch tent in front of Nova Scotia motel

Well, give them credit for innovation.

There was a trespassing complaint from a motel in New Minas recently, according to the RCMP in

Nova Scotia.

Two men tried to book a room for the night on July 23, but were turned away because there were no vacant rooms available.

The men proceeded to set up a tent on the prop-

erty of the unnamed business to catch some shut-eye.

RCMP informed them they were not permitted to camp there and they left without incident.

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Councillors call out city staff

WINTER

Lack of action on accessibility centre stage in 7-hour debate



Stephanie Taylor
Metro | Halifax

Ensuring that seniors, wheelchair users and residents with disabilities have access to clear sidewalks during winter is a

priority many councillors feared was missed in a review of the municipality's winter operations.

Accessibility took centre stage during a more-than-seven-hour debate at Tuesday's Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillors took turns calling out senior municipal staff on two reports — one that recommended changes to the current snow-clearing program, and a separate consultant's review — for failing to mention any changes to service standards for clearing bus stops

and sidewalks to assist those less able-bodied.

"Now we have to stop and think: if you're disabled, you're

expressed concern that many residents with more sensitive needs, such as those who live in seniors facilities, live on

“Not everybody has equal opportunity to get around, and people who are disabled, people who are senior have a right to get around the city. And we have to make sure we can.” Mayor Mike Savage

confined to your house. You can't get out," Coun. Gloria McCluskey said.

Coun. Jennifer Watts also

residential streets that have lower service-priority levels than other main routes.

"People cannot get out.

People who don't have cars, people with no money for a taxi ... they cannot get to the grocery store down the street because (sidewalks are) covered with ice. They cannot get food."

Tuesday's committee eventually approved Coun. Linda Mosher's request for a staff report on revising service standards for sidewalks and bus stops, after several others raised the point that a number of recommendations made by the accessibility advisory committee were left out of the winter-operations review.

"With the high snowbanks

in particular, we could not access the buttons on those single crosswalks. And because we're in a wheelchair, we're low to the ground. It becomes very, very dangerous," Gerry Post, a wheelchair user and committee member, said afterward.

Mayor Mike Savage also said he was unhappy with the lack of action for better accessibility, saying, "People have a right to get around this city, regardless of their circumstances."

City staff said the question of accessibility would be addressed in a staff report later this fall.



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I hate for anybody in the public to think that we're blaming the workers or even the middle managers. We have standards and we hold our single employee, Mr. Richard Butts, to account.

Coun. Wayne Mason

A sidewalk snowplow tries to make some headway on Sackville Street in March. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Regardless of when we're going to have this conversation, it's too late.

Lorelei Nicoll

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We've done the cheerleading. Now it's time for the leading.

Tim Outhit

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We haven't articulated clear enough standards. That's our fault.

Wayne Mason

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I'm disappointed.... This past snow season saw snow events that literally paralyzed the city for days.

Linda Mosher

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When I went through this report ... the incredible anger and disappointment ... came back to me.

Jennifer Watts

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When a five-degree rain became solid ice in 90 minutes ... we gambled and then we were up the creek.

Darren Fisher

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When people are stuck in their homes, the last thing they want to hear about are the standards.

Stephen Adams

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It was a tough winter, but who knows what winter's going to be like in the future. So we have to be ready.

Mayor Mike Savage

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I don't think that the fix is to increase the 311 capacity. I want a better job handling the calls with less calls.

Matt Whitman

Seeking justice 10 years later

JONATHAN READER

Parents speak out at 10-year anniversary of murdered son

Rebecca Dingwell
For Metro | Halifax

If you ask David Reader how many children he has, he'll tell you he has three sons.

It's true. But David's oldest son, Jonathan Reader, was robbed of his life on Aug. 7, 2005. Ten years later, the person or people responsible for Reader's murder are still walking free.

"Ten years is a poignant anniversary," David said, sitting beside his wife, Linda, in their Clayton Park home on Tuesday.

"It really points out the amount of time that we've had to go without any movement and justice brought to this case."

All those years ago, Reader left Pacifico Bar and Grill with



David and Linda Reader talk on Tuesday about their son, Jonathan, whose murder 10 years ago remains unsolved. ZANE WOODFORD/METRO

a woman around 2 a.m. He was seen on Dutch Village Road around 3:20 a.m., and police believe he was alone at that time.

About an hour later, Reader was found unconscious at the corner of Radcliffe Drive and Dunbrack Street. He later died in hospital as a result of blunt

trauma to the head. Reader was only 19 years old.

Although the case remains unsolved, Linda and David believe they know who is re-

sponsible for their son's death: a youth gang known as the "Murda Squad."

Linda said they have been in touch with the police over the years, but wouldn't give details — only that investigators have not ruled out the gang's involvement.

"Jon got the death penalty, his family got life in prison and these guys are out free," said David.

As another year passes with no charges laid, the Reader family is asking anyone with information to contact them, the police or Crime Stoppers.

"That (street) corner was a very busy corner then," Linda said of the crime scene. "It wasn't exactly an isolated place."

The province is offering a reward of up to \$150,000 to anyone who can put the case to rest.

"Somebody out there has the information," Linda added.

Despite the struggle, David says there have been "bright spots." He and Linda have two younger sons, Ben and Alex.

Reader's family says he was a brave man who loved

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Somebody out there has the information.

Linda Reader, Jonathan Reader's mother

music and travelling. Before his death, Reader was preparing to begin the business program at Saint Mary's University.

David and Linda started the Jonathan Reader Memorial Bursary in his honour, which is awarded to a Halifax West High School Student planning to attend Saint Mary's.

"We plan on continuing to put energy into that bursary," said Reader.

While the family acknowledges nothing can bring Reader back, David said they would take comfort in knowing his son's killers are serving their time.

For now, though, all Reader's family can do is remember him.

"While he's gone, I'm glad he was here," said David.

ENERGY

Gas supplier wants assurance over pipeline access concerns

The senior manager of Nova Scotia's natural gas distributor says his company wants to ensure that it has adequate access to the sole pipeline into Atlantic Canada if liquefied natural gas export terminals are approved in the region.

Heritage Gas applied in May to intervene in licence applications by three potential LNG export facilities filed with the National Energy Board.

The subsidiary of AltaGas says if the proposed East Coast projects by Pieridae Energy Ltd., Bear Head LNG

and the Saint John LNG Development Co. Ltd. are approved it would like assurances there is enough space in the pipeline.

Heritage Gas president Chris Smith says as offshore natural gas supplies to the Maritimes are depleted in the next few years, the Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline operated by Spectra Energy could be a key source of supply.

Steve Rankin, manager of external affairs at Maritimes and Northeast Pipeline, says the company would ensure existing customers are still served and that adding ship-

PROJECT SCOPE

LNG terminals may lead to more natural gas projects

Mark Brown, a spokesman for Pieridae Energy, says it's possible the export projects would also encourage the development of natural gas projects in the region and ultimately increase local supply.

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ments to export terminals could actually lower the overall costs of using the pipeline.

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IN BRIEF

Market demand catapults Clearwater seafood prices

Clearwater Seafoods Inc. says it expects prices for its core products will continue to be good for the balance of 2015.

The Halifax-based seafood processor says there has been strong market demand in all regions due to a growing worldwide population, shifting consumer tastes and rising purchasing power of

middle-class consumers in emerging economies.

It says selling prices have been higher in local currencies and the company's revenue in Canadian dollars has also benefited from a stronger U.S. currency. Clearwater says the positive factors have been partially offset by challenging weather at sea and on land that delayed harvesting and maintenance of its clam and

scallop fleets during the first quarter and part of the second quarter.

As a result of the weather-related delays, Clearwater says it had less inventory for sale when the second quarter ended July 4.

Sales in the quarter totalled \$116.75 million, up from \$113.4 million — including a \$2.4-million net positive impact from the stronger U.S. dollar. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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OTTAWA

Fake soldier says he's sorry

A man who pleaded guilty to wearing a fake soldier's uniform on Remembrance Day must do 50 hours of community service for impersonating a member of the Canadian Armed Forces.

Franck Gervais, 33, made an emotional apology during his sentencing hearing in an Ottawa courtroom on Tuesday.

"I understand and realize that my actions were wrong, misguided and inappropriate," said Gervais. In wearing the uniform, he intended to honour, not insult, the veterans, he said.

Gerry Wharton, a retired major who served 32 years in the Canadian Armed Forces, told the courtroom he believes Gervais was genuinely remorseful in his apology.

"Right from the very beginning, within five minutes, I was very impressed with Mr. Gervais's remorse and appreciation for what we were doing," he later told reporters.

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PM dangles tax credit

FEDERAL ELECTION

Tories promise home reno tax break when economy allows

Stephen Harper has delivered the first big-budget promise of the Conservative election campaign: a permanent home-renovation tax credit that will cost taxpayers \$1.5 billion a year once implemented.

However, Harper says the credit — a more modest version of a temporary credit the government first introduced in 2009 — won't be introduced until economic circumstances permit, perhaps the middle of a Tory mandate.

While the original credit applied to renovation costs of up to \$10,000, the ceiling for the permanent credit has been lowered to \$5,000.

Speaking at a campaign event in Toronto, Harper said the credit, which would apply to renovation work done on houses, cottages and condominiums owned for personal use, would also help to create jobs in the



Prime Minister Stephen Harper picks up chicken wings while grocery shopping with his son, Ben, on Tuesday in Toronto. PAUL CHIASSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS

construction sector.

He said it would also pump billions of dollars back into the Canadian economy.

Some three million Canadians have taken advantage of the opportunity to make renovations in the last six years.

"Young parents renovated rooms as nurseries, empty-nesters converted rooms for other

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Young parents renovated rooms as nurseries ...

Prime Minister Stephen Harper

uses, older Canadians made changes to remain independent in their own homes," Harper said.

Meanwhile, Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau unveiled the Liberal campaign bus at an early rally in Mississauga, Ont., while the NDP's Tom Mulcair was scheduled to attend an event later Tuesday in Montreal.

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ABBOTSFORD, B.C.

City, not homeless, at fault: Lawyer

The City of Abbotsford is wrong to criminalize the homeless with bylaws that prohibit people from setting up camps in public spaces, a lawyer argues.

David Wotherspoon, with the Pivot Legal Society, said the city has discriminated against the homeless through various measures including dumping chicken manure on an encampment.

He wants a B.C. Supreme Court judge to declare such tactics unconstitutional.

The city is blaming the homeless for leaving human waste and garbage at camps but isn't providing needed services, Wotherspoon told Chief Justice Christopher Hinkson on Tuesday.

"People make garbage, people have to urinate, people have to defecate. They have to do it somewhere," he said.

"Blaming Abbotsford's homeless for the existence of those circumstances is, effectively, blaming the victim," said Wotherspoon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

NEW HAMPSHIRE

U.S. tent collapse probed

Fire officials said Tuesday it's not clear why a circus operator in eastern United States proceeded with a show minutes after the National Weather Service put out a severe storm warning.

Strong winds caused the circus tent to collapse, killing two spectators and sending about 32 others to hospitals.

New Hampshire's fire marshal Bill Degnan said it's the responsibility of the circus operator to monitor the weather. The show started seven minutes after the storm warning Monday afternoon some 145 kilometres north of the state capital Concord.

The storm blew through



Investigators inspect the site of a circus tent that collapsed during a storm Monday in Lancaster, N.H., killing a father and daughter. JIM COLE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

with about 100 people inside the tent.

"I see these very large metal poles that are in the ground and go through the top of the

tent; I see them starting to come out of the ground and fly up, into the air toward us," witness Heidi Medeiros, attending with her three-year-old son,

told a local TV station.

She said seconds later, the pole slammed onto the bleacher where she and her son had been sitting. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RELIGION

Mormons publish photos of sacred rock

The Mormon church for the first time is publishing photos of a small sacred stone it believes founder Joseph Smith used to help translate the story that became the basis of the religion.

The pictures of the smooth, brown, egg-sized rock are part of a new book that also contains photos of the first printer's manuscript of the Book of Mormon. Officials with The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints unveiled it Tuesday at a news conference in Salt Lake City, Utah.

It's the religion's latest step in a push to be more transparent about its history and tenets. The church's effort in recent years to be more open about its past was triggered by the religion's increasing prominence as its membership tripled over the past three decades to 15 million worldwide today. Questions emerged about the burgeoning faith, with some criticizing it for being secretive about its beliefs and practices.

Mormons believe that 185 years ago, Smith found gold plates engraved with writing in ancient Egyptian in upstate New York. They say that God helped him translate the text



Mormons believe Joseph Smith used this stone. RICK BOWMER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

using the stone and other tools, which became known as the Book of Mormon.

The pictures show a stone that is dark brown with lighter brown swirls, the size and shape of an egg. The photos also show a weathered leather pouch where the stone was stored that is believed to be made by one of Joseph Smith's wives, Emma Smith.

The church decided to publish the photos to allow people who prefer visuals to words to better understand the religion's roots, said Richard Turley, assistant church historian. The stone will remain in the vault. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Drone drops package of drugs into prison yard

A drone dropped a package of drugs into a prison yard while inmates were outside, sparking a fight, prison officials said.

The package was dropped July 29 at the Mansfield Correctional Institution in Ohio. It contained almost 7 grams of heroin, over 57 grams of marijuana and more than 140 grams of tobacco, a

spokeswoman said.

She said there have been other instances of drones breaching security and the agency is taking steps to improve drone detection.

An investigation deter-

mined the drone dropped a package intended for an inmate on the north recreation yard, and it was thrown over a fence to the south recreation yard.

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Low loonie helps retailers

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING

Canadians likely to spend more at home: Ernst & Young

The falling loonie is expected to help boost the bottom lines of Canadian retailers heading into the back-to-school season.

There will be an expected four per cent increase in back-to-school spending in Canada this year, according to global professional services firm Ernst & Young.

The lower Canadian dollar likely means consumers will be making their purchases closer to home, said Daniel Baer, Ernst & Young's Canadian retail and consumer products sector leader.

"We do expect fewer dollars to be spent cross-border. And when we say that, (we are referring to) people who physically go cross-border, but also people who shop on U.S. sites," he said in a phone interview from Montreal.

Recent universal child-care



Canadian retailers may find themselves in a busy back-to-school season as a result of a weakening loonie. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

benefit payments from the federal government will also likely translate into additional disposable income for consumers to devote to back-to-school spending, said Baer. On the flip side, inflation, higher housing

costs and economic uncertainty may curb the appetite among consumers to spend.

British Columbia and Ontario will lead sales, while the Maritimes and Quebec will continue to lag behind the

national average, with little growth expected.

Meanwhile, Alberta and Saskatchewan, which are typically leaders in the category, are expected to post back-to-school sales in the red.



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Daniel Baer,
Ernst & Young

Baer said the changes are a "big function" of how the province is performing economically. He pointed to Alberta, which previously saw a retail sales growth higher than the national average due in part to employment levels and oil prices.

"Their economy was growing that much faster because of economic activity, influx of people into the province and a very low unemployment rate," Baer said.

"Since the price of oil has declined, it's certainly had an impact in terms of the disposable income that the Alberta consumer has, but it also has an impact in terms of the economic stability that the Alberta consumer feels."

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IN BRIEF

Air Canada, other airlines ban hunting trophies

Air Canada says it will no longer carry big-game hunting trophies from lions, leopards, elephants, rhinoceros and water buffalo after the killing of Cecil the lion. Air Canada joins at least a half dozen other airlines that have banned the transportation of big-game trophies in the past two weeks, including Air France, Delta Air Lines and Qantas. Other airlines, including Emirates, Lufthansa and British Airways, brought in a similar ban in April.

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metro's election explainer

Why do American campaigns start so early and cost so much?

While Canadians are busy debating the merits of an extra-long federal-election campaign, Republican candidates for U.S. president are literally debating. On Thursday, 15 months before election night, a field of 10 presidential hopefuls will take the stage in Cleveland. Many Canadians wary of longer federal campaigns have cited the spectre of the U.S.'s interminable and money-flooded electoral process. In that light it's worth taking a closer look.

1. WHY SO LONG?

Unlike Canada, where the prime minister is the leader of the party that wins the

most seats in the House of Commons, the U.S. elects its president separately from its legislators, in a vote between the nominees of the two major parties (Republicans and Democrats).

The nominees are chosen via a months-long series of state-by-state votes, called primaries, which begin in Iowa in January of the election year and run until the party conventions in mid-summer. Winning the early primaries, and thereby gaining valuable momentum that will attract the affections of deep-



pocketed donors, is extremely important to the fortunes of a presidential campaign. So candidates have an incentive to promote themselves and their platforms as early

as possible, and television networks therefore have an incentive to carry election coverage, including debates, well in advance of any actual voters casting any actual votes. Hence Thursday's debate, which is being presented by Fox news and comes fourth months before the first vote of primary season.

2. WHY SO EXPENSIVE?

Among other factors (e.g., an uncommonly large and spread-out electorate, a legal tradition that equates political advertising with free speech) is the fact that elections have, since 1792, been fixed to the Tuesday that falls between the 2nd and 8th of every fourth November. Because everyone has basically always known when the big vote would take place, campaigns and outside stakeholders could plan their paid publicity well in advance and raise funds accordingly. This is what worries many Canadians, now that we have a fixed-election-date law of our own.

The election explainer is dedicated to informing would-be voters without boring them. It will appear regularly in this space throughout the campaign. What would you like explained? Email us at readers@metronews.ca.

Sweet peas: 150-year-old study offers rich reward

THE SCIENCE

Stephanie Orford



This year marks the 150th anniversary of Moravian monk Gregor Mendel's first presentation of his seminal paper on pea-plant genetics, and the effects have been mind-boggling.

Genetics has spurred discoveries across almost every scientific discipline, all cascading from Mendel's discovery of the gene, the basic unit of inheritance.

Cutting-edge genetics research is happening in Canada. Last year, researchers at the Michael Smith Genome Sciences Centre treated a Vancouver woman's late-stage colon cancer through a pilot project to tailor cancer treatments to individual patients.

The woman had enrolled in an experimental program to treat cancer according to its

unique genome.

Genomics, the study of an organism's full set of genetic material, has been made more efficient through rapidly evolving technologies for DNA sequencing.

Twelve years ago it cost \$2.7 billion to sequence one human genome. Now it costs about \$1,000.

By decoding the genetic blueprint of the cancer patient's particular tumour, her doctors identified a protein that was crucial to its growth. They realized that this protein's actions could be stopped by a widely available blood-pressure pill.

The treatment the doctors identified put her cancer into complete remission in five weeks, and it wouldn't have been possible without genomics.

Nor would it be possible, as it now is, to prevent a child with the rare genetic condition called phenylketonuria from developing

It's a crucial tool that will help humanity take on the biggest challenges of the coming decades

brain damage, by giving her a diet without one particular amino acid.

The list of tangible, appreciable benefits goes on and on.

Consider:

- Diabetics now pay less for better maintenance of their condition thanks to higher-quality insulin produced with genetically engineered bacteria.
- The Canadian canola industry has reduced its carbon emissions by one million tonnes per year since the '90s when it started planting canola crops genetically modified to tolerate herbicides.
- At the end of July, the Strategic Salmon Health Initia-

tive — which does research assessing the health of the wild and farmed salmon we fish, sell and eat — began the implementation phase for a new technology that assesses the microbes on wild and farmed salmon. The research will ultimately help us breed farmed salmon more sustainably, with genes that make them more resistant to viruses and bacteria, and less likely to spread them to the wild population.

None of these phenomena would be possible without genetics, and the applications are endless.

Genetics research today isn't just about pea plants or the colour of your eyes. It's a crucial tool that will help humanity take on the biggest challenges of the coming decades.

Stephanie Orford is a Vancouver-based writer. The Science appears every other Wednesday.

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

Media already bored by just-announced election campaign

At work yesterday morning, my colleagues were fretting.

Our 11-week election campaign (78 days, moaned the anal-retentive National Post) is being greeted with pre-emptive exhaustion, they said, and all the buzz of a slowly deflating balloon.

"The media already seemed bored with the whole thing," said J. "Two papers had the headlines 'And they're off.' It just sounded like jogging or something... but this is really monumental!"

"I'm more interested in Hillary Clinton than any of our people. Why is that? That's terrible!" he added.

L. blamed the media. "Hillary Clinton is more of a celebrity."

"I think people are just fascinated with American politics," A. mused.

"Well, they make a spectacle of it," I said.

"A long campaign means it's less democratic. It's more expensive to do it and thus accessible to fewer people," L. fumed. "That's a problem. That's a democratic problem." (Stephen Harper has a hefty war-chest advantage).

"I've been hearing about the Pan Am games since November, hot and heavy all the time, but an 11-week election that actually matters — and we're torn up!" A. exclaimed.

There are benefits, she said. Namely, gaffes. "In an 11-week campaign trail there are so

many extra days for people to show who they are, accidentally, for Justin Trudeau to drop that baby he's juggling."

"I think we as the media should be trying to add more high drama to our politics," suggested J.

"We don't really tell the human stories," I agreed, a recent profile of "Vegas girl" NDP MP Ruth Ellen Brasseau notwithstanding.

"I find your conversation funny, like, 'Oh, democracy — we need to focus less on policy, more on faces!' " L. snarked.

"No. Policy too," J. countered. "There's lot of big, long serious articles in the States."

"You can't have policy without the people who are advocating for it," I added.

U.S. politics has built-in drama, J. argued. "A whole bunch of people vying for the top spot on both sides, and finally just down to two, mano a mano."

"You can't do that in a parliamentary system, and parliamentary systems are actually really good because you can have minority governments," L. pointed out.

"So, OK, that piece we can't do anything about, but there's lots of other things we can do," J. said, hopefully.

The chatter came to an unresolved close. They had a paper to put out, filled with high-drama election coverage — for another 76 days.

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A novel nod to comfort food

FOOD FICTION

Debut author pays tribute to homey meals of his childhood

Melissa Dunne
For Metro

You are what you eat. This old maxim has perhaps never been as true as it is today. Starting first thing in the morning, every food and drink choice you make has become shorthand for who you are at your very core. No pressure. But, are you the type of person who grabs a double-double from the Tim Hortons drive-thru or are you the type to ride your bicycle over to the local indie café for an almond-milk latte?

Whether you live in a smaller city like Winnipeg or Halifax or a big city like Vancouver or Toronto, many Canadians now endlessly obsess over making the right food and drink choices that will ultimately communicate to everyone who follows them on Instagram: I know what food is hip and cool and current, and therefore I am hip and cool and current.

Partly in reaction to the somewhat ridiculous hipsterification of North American food culture, J. Ryan Stradal chose to focus his debut novel, *Kitchens of the Great Midwest* (Penguin Random House, \$28, out now) on the decidedly unhip food from his childhood



Food made from scratch is at the heart of the novel *Kitchens of the Great Midwest*. CONTRIBUTED

growing up in a small town in southern Minnesota.

"I tried to capture the people I grew up with that I don't see represented very often," said Stradal, 39, by phone from his home in the hipster haven known as Silver Lake, Calif.

The people he grew up with, like his grandmother, could

out-hipster any young hipster today, says Stradal. They cared about, and knew, where their food came from and, get this, they cooked much of it themselves from scratch.

"Their interest in food rivalled that of the hipsters, but without the affectation," Stradal notes.

His novel about a trendy and mysterious chef named Eva Thorvald is interspersed with recipes that highlight food made with real affection, not a practised affectation. It features what is now dubbed comfort food, such as five-ingredient peanut butter bars (see recipe at right), made by people who would simply call food "food."

That's not to say Stradal thinks making classic Midwestern recipes handed down from generation to generation is, in the parlance of our times, more 'authentic' than, say, ordering organic chicken at your local gastropub.

After all, he's a Midwestern transplant who both loves the food he grew up with, and is now personal friends with celebrity chefs and lives in what Forbes once dubbed 'America's Hippest Hipster Neighborhood.'

In his life and in his book, he makes the argument there is room at the table for everybody.

RECIPE

Pat Prager's Peanut Butter Bars

Ingredients:

- 2 1/2 cups crushed graham cracker crumbs
- 1 cup melted Grade A butter
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 2 1/2 cups powdered sugar
- 1 cup milk chocolate chips with 1 teaspoon Grade A butter

Directions:

1. Mix together the graham cracker crumbs, melted butter, peanut butter and sugar.
2. Pat into a greased 9 by 13 inch pan.
3. Melt the chips and butter and spread them on top of the bars.
4. Set in the refrigerator until firm.
5. Cut into bars.

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It's fine to pay \$5 plus for an almond-milk latte made by a moody barista who dons a fedora and is writing a screenplay on the side, if that's your bag. Just make sure you also leave room for a few home-made peanut butter bars every now and then.

You are what you eat and drink, but you are, at your core, also what you have eaten and drunk, what you cook and what you have had cooked for you.



Their interest in food rivalled that of the hipsters, but without the affectation

Ryan Stradal on the people of his Minnesota roots who inspired his novel

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Friends recall style, grace of Hyndman

OBITUARY

TV show host Chris Hyndman has died at age 49

Design personality Chris Hyndman, an accidental TV star best known for his on-screen and off-screen partnership with fellow decorator and husband Steven Sabados, has died.

CBC announced the news Tuesday and took the duo's daily lifestyle series *Steven and Chris* off the air out of respect for Hyndman's friends and family. Hyndman was 49.

His sudden passing drew condolences from famous colleagues across the industry, including good friend Jeanne Beker who called Hyndman one of her closest friends.

"When my marriage broke up in 1998 Chris scraped me off the floor," an emotional Beker recounted by phone from New York.

"I was so extremely depressed, and he would come over to my house every night after the gym in his little baseball cap and a pizza under his arm and we'd sit there and he'd tell me how I had to go on living for my kids, for my girls who were just eight and 10 at the time. And he was just like my best friend, my closest confidant,

certainly my closest guy friend."

CBC reported that Hyndman was found without vital signs late Monday in an alleyway just east of Toronto's downtown core.

A Toronto Police spokeswoman would not confirm the report, citing privacy concerns and the fact there was no ongoing criminal investigation.

Fellow design couple Colin McAllister and Justin Ryan said in an email to The Canadian Press that they were "beyond saddened" and could "hardly comprehend the news."

"Canada, and the design fraternity, has lost an integral part of its community," the Scottish decorators stated.

Designer Sarah Richardson added by email: "I knew him as charming, charismatic and full of life. I'm so sorry for Steven's loss."

Along with Sabados, Hyndman brought everyday style to Canadians in a number of series, including their HGTV shows "Designer Guys" and "Design Rivals" and the makeover program "So Chic with Steven and Chris" on Slice.

The duo played up an odd couple persona that proved to be a winning formula — Hyndman as the joker, with the more straitlaced Sabados providing a more pragmatic eye.

THE CANADIAN PRESS



From left: Steven Sabados, Theresa Albert and Chris Hyndman on the set of CBC's *Steven and Chris*. CONTRIBUTED

REMEMBERING CHRIS HYNDMAN

Metro's food columnist Theresa Albert, who worked on *Steven and Chris* for five years, shares her memories.

"Chris had that special way of making you feel like the only person in the room. I remember arriving at CBC for the show and having him beam his brilliant smile and a 'hey gorgeous!' Chris always set the tone of the show from the minute of arrival as a cheery place to be.

Once, when Steven and I were trying to cook and get important news on sodium conveyed, Chris, who could be counted upon for some hijinks, klutzy maneuver or silly quip; dropped his spoon, pretended to cut himself and then sneakily eat the potato chips on my "Do NOT eat" side of the table. He would do anything just to get my goat and guffaw."

NUTRITION

Why turkey bacon is not a healthier pick

WORD OF MOUTH

Theresa Albert

myfriendinfood.com



So I'm visiting at a cottage during breakfast when one man says to another, "You should switch to turkey bacon, it's better for you," and I pipe in that I, in my nutrition wisdom, disagree.

It is a common belief that has some merit if all you are assessing is calories.

You would do slightly better with the turkey bacon, but it is a highly processed food and the most popular brands are actually higher in sodium and carbohydrates (from corn syrup). I would rather see the less processed, real food grace your plate in moderate amounts.

If you really want to win the breakfast meat wars, go for peameal (a.k.a. back bacon or Canadian bacon).

milligrams of sodium, 1.4 grams of carbohydrates and 42 grams of fat. Cook until crispy and drain on paper towel to reduce your bacon's fat content.

Peameal bacon (100 grams, about two thick slices) has 157 calories, 904 milligrams of sodium, 1.7 grams of carbohydrates and seven grams of fat.

The truth is that any of these are once a month choices, not twice a week options.

Highly salted, fried meat will never make it into nutrition heaven but it sure makes a cottage smell like it should.

Theresa is an on-camera food and health expert, nutritionist and writer who loves to spread the word on food.

Here are the stats:

Turkey bacon (100 grams or about four slices) has 382 calories, 2,285 milligrams of sodium, 3.1 grams of carbohydrates and 28 grams of fat.

Bacon (100 grams or about four slices) contains 541 calories, 1,717



CHEAP EATS

Eating and drinking healthy on the cheap

You might think you can't afford to eat well, so you stock your shelves with the cheap and processed stuff, like packaged ramen noodles.

Leanne Brown, a graduate of New York University's masters program in food studies and policy, however, proves anyone can afford to eat healthy food in her book *Good and Cheap: Eat Well On \$4/Day*, a guide to eating nourishing, fresh food a budget.

Brown argues that limited funds shouldn't hold you back from eating well because when you're armed with cooking ability, a dash of creativity, and incorporate a bit of planning, the options are endless.

The book provides a diverse range of "simple, real food" options centred on fruits and veggies, which you can tailor

to your own tastes, or use to spark ideas of your own.

It's got recipes, grocery shopping tips, pantry must-haves, kitchen equipment



Even fruit juices usually contain a lot of sugar. ISTOCK

basics and a guide to repurposing leftovers.

Check out three of Brown's tips.

Skip sugary drinks

You already know soft drinks are straight-up bad for you, but even fruit juices contain a ton of sugar without the benefits of fibre from the whole fruit.

As Brown writes, "Except for milk, most packaged drinks are overpriced and deliver a lot of sugar without filling you up the way a piece of fruit or bowl of yogurt would."

So nix the drinks and stick with water. If you're looking to mix things up a bit or want something a little sweeter, indulge those cravings by throwing in some chopped fruit, making a smoothie, or drinking tea.

Ask what's in season

If you buy fruits and vegetables out of season, you're usually paying more money for lower quality produce, Brown says.

Instead, stick to buying produce in season, and look for canned or frozen items when out of season.

Buy in bulk

When shopping for foods you eat regularly, or ingredients you'll be able to use in multiple meals, buy in bulk, Brown says. "Buying larger amounts of one item can usually bring down the price per unit. When you're working within a tight budget, you won't always be able to afford to shop for the future, but you should do it when you can."

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DRINKS

Cocktail chemistry: Mixing a margarita

LIQUID ASSETS

Peter Rockwell

@therealwineguy



Chemistry was never my strong subject, so when it comes to cocktail construction I'm more than happy to cheat.



Take the Margarita. Invented in Mexico back in 1941, it proved the perfect conduit to bring tequila into the mainstream.

While you don't need to be a rocket scientist to piece together tequila, orange liqueur and lime juice, I've choked

down more than a few sad attempts because I just couldn't get the flavour right.

I find using a white tequila like the silky, blue agave-based Sauza Tequila Silver (\$28.98-\$34.99) creates the best flavour balance.

I've had the most trouble finding the lime juice component. Squeezing my own isn't on the agenda, so I've tried just about every supermarket brand with varied success.

My favourite by far is from the Bacardi Mixers line. Non-alcoholic, you can find it in the frozen juice section. Blend with the booze and some ice, and you're good to go.

Prices reflect the range across the country. Some products may not be available in all provinces.



GLA 250 built for bumpy roads



REVIEW

Higher ground clearance, AWD are pluses, but interior could be better

Jill McIntosh
For Metro

Mercedes-Benz made its name in North America by selling large luxury cars, but in recent years, the company and its premium-brand rivals have been introducing the smaller and lower-priced models that have been a mainstay in Europe for years. For 2015, it adds an all-new compact crossover, the GLA.

The GLA shares its platform and much of its interior design with the CLA-Class four-door sedan, and is available as my tester, the GLA 250, starting at \$37,200. You can also get the sportier and more powerful GLA 45 AMG, beginning at \$50,500. Both use 4Matic all-wheel drive, but unlike on most Benz products, it runs primarily in front-wheel drive, sending up to 50 per cent of power to the rear wheels only when it determines that they're slipping.

The GLA 250 uses a turbocharged 2.0-litre four-cylinder

engine with seven-speed automatic transmission. It's peppy enough right off the line, but the transmission isn't always smooth. It also shifts into the highest gears as soon as possible for fuel economy, and the GLA can feel a little wrung-out after that initial burst. However, you can use the wheel-mounted paddle shifters for more transmission control.

The ride is very firm, bordering on harsh, but on the plus side, the GLA's all-wheel drive and higher ground clearance actually work very well on rougher roads such as cottage trails.

This is a compact vehicle and so the interior's a bit tight, but the seats are very supportive, and the rear seats fold down to increase the cargo capacity. My tester had several option packages on it, which added such things as automatic climate control, navigation, rearview camera, blind spot monitor, and power lift-gate, bringing it to \$45,175. That also included some handsome optional aluminum trim, but the GLA's cabin includes a lot of hard, plain plastic, and the interior overall didn't quite look as upscale as the price.

Buyers can also consider Mercedes-Benz's B-Class hatchback, which isn't quite as sporty-looking, but comes with the same engine and starts at \$31,300 in front-wheel, or \$33,500 in all-wheel drive.

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It's peppy enough right off the line, but the transmission isn't always smooth.

THE CHECKLIST | 2015 MERCEDES-BENZ GLA 250

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, five-passenger compact hatchback
Engines (hp). 2.0-litre turbo four-cylinder (208)
Transmission. 7-speed dual-clutch automatic
Price. Base \$37,200, as-tested \$45,175 (plus destination)

COOL FEATURES

- Automatic engine idle shut-off
- Off-road downhill speed regulation
- Heated windshield washers
- Rain-sensing wipers
- 12-way power-adjustable front seats
- Automatic brake hold
- Available panoramic sunroof
- Available bi-xenon headlamps



JILL MCINTOSH/FOR METRO

POINTS

- The GLA's transmission uses two internal clutches, rather than a torque converter, for faster shifts and better fuel efficiency.
- The optional rearview camera hides under a cover when not needed, providing a clear picture in rain or snow.
- The tablet-style infotainment screen is on top of the dash to keep the user's eyes up and toward the road.

MARKET POSITION

Several premium-brand automakers are offering lower-priced and entry-level vehicles, appealing both to new customers who haven't been able to move into the higher-priced offerings, or existing ones adding a second car alongside a higher-level one.

THE COMPETITION



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Audi A3 Sportback TDI
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Infiniti QX50
Base price: \$34,950

COMBUSTION

Small Audi engine with a big punch

Audi has developed a new 2.0-litre engine with a revised combustion cycle for its new A4 compact sedan, claiming it to be the most efficient engine in the class thanks to a “rightsizing” approach.

With a shorter intake time and high compression, the turbocharged four-cylinder produces 190 horsepower and 236 pound feet of torque while delivering a claimed 4.9 l/100 km.

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+ RENEWABLE ENERGY

G7 leaders commit to end fossil-fuel use, eventually

The leaders of the G7 countries, which include the United States and Canada, say they will use their collective influence to try to end global fossil-fuel consumption by the end of this century.

Their intent, they say, is to cut usage by 40-70 per cent from 2010 levels by 2050, with the remaining consumption to end completely by 2100.

The leaders' declaration called for an end to fossil-fuel

subsidies and investments to encourage the use of renewable energy in developing countries.

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The International Monetary Fund, also a part of the G7, states such subsidies are costing world governments \$5.3 trillion US per year when costs related to climate change are included.

A Rock n' Rolls-Royce

SPECIAL EDITION

One-off Wraith plays off the carmaker's role in music history

Luxury carmaker Rolls-Royce has a very sound idea for its latest special-edition car.

Behold the Rolls-Royce Wraith "Inspired by Music" — a one-off model based on its GT coupé developed to celebrate the marque's role in the mythology of rock 'n' roll.

For so many aspiring and established musicians, the Rolls-Royce is the vehicular symbol of having made it, and over the past 50 years everyone from John Lennon and Elvis Presley to Noel Gallagher and Kanye West has rolled with a Rolls.

To highlight this relationship and in a nod to the finest internal components in a sound system, the company has created a Lyrical Copper exterior finish for the car that catches and bends the light differently at different angles thanks to a combination of brushed and polished textures.



The "Inspired by Music" Wraith has a Lyrical Copper finish and an 18-speaker bespoke audio system. ROLLS-ROYCE MOTOR CARS

The copper theme continues inside with similarly coloured door panel inserts and even book-matched copper tone veneers. Interior surfaces have also been treated so that they

have a tactile, vinyl record-like feel.

However, the most impressive element of this car is not what can be seen; rather it's what can be heard.

+ AMPED UP

Even though Rolls-Royces are famed for their sound-proofing and in-cabin peacefulness, the company has also employed active noise-cancelling technology via microphones that register external sounds and automatically adjust the music to compensate.

The Wraith "Inspired by Music" boasts a truly bespoke audio system that took two years to develop and was built from scratch by some of the world's leading audio engineers working alongside Rolls-Royce craftsmen.

It has 1300W of power and an 18-channel audio system and uses two large bass speakers, seven tweeters and seven mid-range speakers. The sound they generate together is then complemented by two further "exciter" speakers mounted in the car's headlining closer to ear-level. The finished aural effect is meant to be as close to experiencing music in a live venue as possible. AFP



The blocky aesthetic of Drift Stage. SUPER SYSTEMS SOFTWARES LLC

ENTERTAINMENT

Retro arcade racing fuels new games

Three games are poised to take on '80s- and '90s-inspired arcade racing with renewed vigour, looking to classics like OutRun and Ridge Racer for authenticity and inspiration.

Slipstream's revisiting of early '90s racing standards pursues a 3D effect using 2D graphics only, for genuine period feel. Just as in OutRun, drivers choose from two roads after completing each stage, en route to their ultimate destination.

Power Drive 2000

Date: May 2016

Platforms: Mac, Windows,

Linux, PlayStation 4

Megacom Games' Power Drive

2000 is the most free in its

interpretation of '80s style. Shiny

and well-textured roads, glossy

vehicle exteriors, and period

design motifs filtered through a

mid-2010s perspective make

for plenty of neon on show.

Slipstream

Date: Q3 2015

Platforms: Mac, Windows,

Linux

Drift Stage

Date: Late 2015

Platforms: Mac, Windows,

Linux

Drift Stage takes influence from

the mid-'90s, when flat sprite

graphics were being replaced

by blocky 3D polygons. Its refer-

ences expand to OutRun 2,

Ridge Racer and Daytona USA;

it's all about taking corners at

high speed, tires squealing and

steering wheel jammed into an

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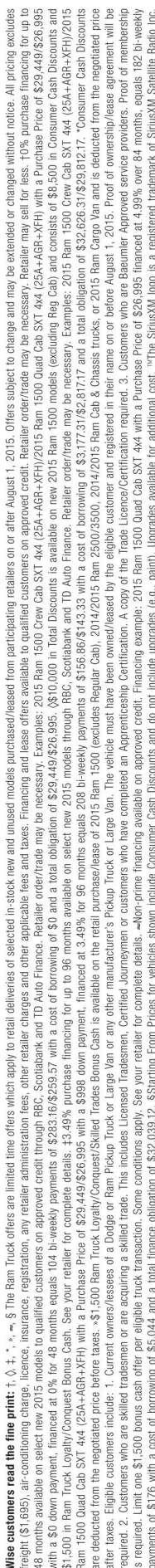
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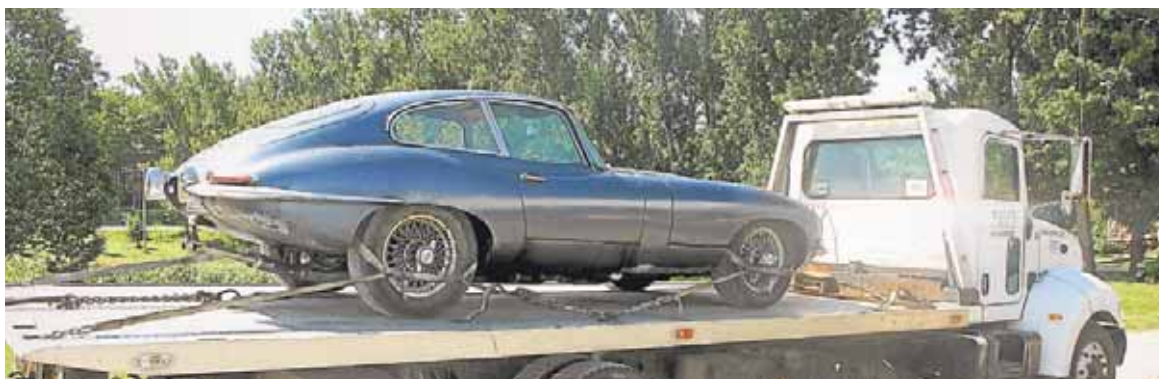
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A 1967 Jaguar E-type Coupe heads back to England, after a 48-year stay in North America, 25 of them with a Metro Drive contributor. MIKE GOETZ/FOR METRO

Mike sells the Jag

VINTAGE RIDE

'My' E-type moves on to next custodian

AUTO PILOT

Mike Goetz



fix and/or modify ... at some future point.

As soon as it was paid for, got married, had kids, and moved into a house with a rather large mortgage and *no* garage. When it came out of indoor storage for the winter, it was parked in a mutual driveway, where I had a good view of it from the porch.

Fretted about rain; my neighbour began calling me by the name of a well-known local TV weatherman, because he knew as soon as I got my tarps and bungee cords out to bundle it up, rain was surely on its way.

Took lots of people, including many kids, for drives.

During the last few years it was evident a complete restoration was in order and that I was not the man for the job; I don't have the resources and talent to do it myself, and am not prepared to pay the going rate to have it done professionally (\$100,000-plus).

WORK OF ART

The E-type is only one of three automobiles in the permanent design collection of The Museum of Modern Art in New York.

So I sold the Jaguar to a great guy in England who wants to restore the car by his own hands, or as much of it as he can.

Because the brakes were not working too well at the moment, I had it towed to Interspan, the company that my buyer hired to ship the car to England. My last drive in "my" E-type was around the Interspan parking lot, and up the ramp into the warehouse.

After that was done, I asked them to take one final picture of me with the car. Then the owner of Interspan, Jim Robinson, and I shook hands and he walked me out. I turned back to watch him pull the big garage door down, to close up the warehouse. I took a picture of the closed door.

Just sold a vintage Jaguar sports car I've owned since 1990.

I guess I'm in an adjustment period at the moment. Will probably survive.

This Jaguar is a two-seater E-type Coupe, built in June of 1967, with a dark blue exterior, and a light blue leather interior. It has wire wheels and a thin-rimmed wooden steering wheel. As all E-types of that era, it is powered by Jaguar's lusty 4.2-litre DOHC straight six-cylinder engine.

More than one person has noticed that this original incarnation of the E-type, in both convertible and coupe form, is a very pretty car. Enzo Ferrari famously called it "the most beautiful car ever made."

I acquired the car from a youngish couple that lived on a farm near Guelph, Ont. They purchased the vehicle from a used car dealer in Kitchener-Waterloo in 1982.

Jaguar Cars Ltd. can send you an official document outlining the original specifications of your vintage Jaguar and its first owner. That is how I know the first owner of this vehicle to be a certain Manfred Dee Koch, Jr. of Grove City, Pa. I assume he had the car for at least three years, so only the ownership span, say, between 1970 and 1982 is unknown, or at least unknown to me.

My tenure with the car —
in précis:

Took out a three-year car loan to purchase the car and vowed not to spend too much money on it until it was paid for.

Drove it, loved it, maintained a file on things I would like to



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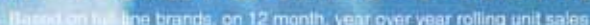
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Next generation of stars takes nothing for granted

HOCKEY

Strome, Marner and Sanheim driven to make world jr. team



Travis Sanheim, left, and Mitch Marner GETTY IMAGES

When Travis Sanheim was cut from Canada's world junior hockey camp nine months ago, the coaching staff told the young defenceman they expected him to be a crucial piece to the 2016 team. He watched his would-be teammates win gold on home ice.

Dylan Strome and Mitch Marner were watching, too, eager to see respective Ontario Hockey League teammates Connor McDavid and Max Domi put on a show on the biggest junior stage.

Those three players and others, including forward Michael Dal Colle and defenceman Jeremy Roy, arrived at Canada's world junior summer camp with plenty of expectations on themselves to make the 2016 team, and Strome, Marner and Sanheim should be among the go-to players in Helsinki.

But they're all reluctant to think of themselves as the next

generation of stars because they're several months away from even earning a spot on Canada's roster.

"I don't think you expect anything, and you don't take anything for granted," Sanheim said in a phone interview Monday.

"It's Team Canada. It's the greatest hockey country in the world, and it's going to be a tough team no matter what."

The 2015 team was impossibly difficult to make, especially for 17-year-olds. Only McDavid, who went first in the NHL draft to the Edmonton Oilers, and winger Lawson Crouse, a fellow top-10 pick, could claim that distinction.

So as disappointed as he was, Sanheim realized why he was one of the final cuts last December, and Strome and Marner got why they were passed over for camp invites. Now they're expected to get big roles and are



Dylan Strome won the OHL scoring title last season with the Erie Otters. AARON BELL/OHL IMAGES

motivated by that.

"We both wanted to make that team," Marner said of himself and Strome. "Such skilful forward lines that when we didn't make it I think we both understood our chances next year. Both of us are on a line this year for this camp."

"We've got to leave our footprint. I think we're both willing to do that."

Leaving a footprint is important because coach Dave Lowry said the summer camp is just the beginning of the evaluation process. Roster spots aren't assured for Strome, the third pick to the Arizona Coyotes, or Marner, who went fourth to the Toronto Maple Leafs, even though they went 1-2 in OHL scoring last season.

"No one cares where you got drafted, no one cares who you

got drafted to," said Strome, who along with Marner scored a goal in Canada's 4-1 win against Russia in exhibition action Monday night. "It's about showing what you got at camp and what you got during the season, and if they think you're good enough to go to (main) camp, then you've got to prove it again at Christmas-time to make the team."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

World Rowing to seek viral tests for Rio water

The head of the governing body of world rowing said Tuesday he will ask for viral testing at the rowing venue for next year's Rio Olympics, and he expects all other water sports in Rio to follow suit.

The move comes after an Associated Press investigation last week showed a serious health risk to about 1,400 Olympic athletes who will compete at water venues around Rio that are rife with human waste and sewage. Following AP's study, the World Health Organization advised the International Olympic Committee to analyze viral levels in Rio waters.

"Together with the WHO and the IOC, we're going to follow what they say," Matt Smith, CEO of World Rowing, told AP. "We will ask that viral testing is done. If there is a problem, we will react. It's our moral duty."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Doping allegations a 'declaration of war' against track and field: Coe

Describing the latest doping allegations levelled against track and field as a "declaration of war," Sebastian Coe rushed to the defence of the IAAF's drug-testing system Tuesday and said it was time to "come out fighting" to protect the

reputation of the sport.

In an exclusive interview with The Associated Press, Coe gave his first extensive

comments following reports by German and British media outlets alleging that the IAAF had failed to act on suspicious blood tests involving hundreds of athletes over a 10-year period.

"This, for me, is a fairly seminal moment," said Coe, an IAAF vice-president. "There is nothing in our history of competence and integrity in drug-testing that warrants this kind of attack. We should not be cowering. We should come out fighting." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Sebastian Coe GETTY IMAGES

MLB

Jays Sanchez, Gibbons suspended over brouhaha



Blue Jays manager John Gibbons argues with umpire Jim Wolf in Toronto on Sunday. COLE BURSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Major League Baseball suspended Toronto pitcher Aaron Sanchez for three games and manager John Gibbons for one game Tuesday as part of the fallout of a testy game between the Blue Jays and the Kansas City Royals.

MLB also fined Sanchez an undisclosed amount for intentionally throwing a pitch at Alcides Escobar with warnings in place during the top of the eighth inning of Toronto's 5-2 win Sunday. Sanchez denied intentionally hitting Escobar, arguing his pitch just got away.



If I wanted to send a message I would've sent a message to their big guys.

Aaron Sanchez

Sanchez said he won't speak on the suspension until after his appeal was heard by MLB.

"Hopefully they'll chip that down a little bit," said Gibbons

about Sanchez's punishment. "But I think that's kind of automatic too after warnings when you get ejected for hitting a guy."

Gibbons was suspended for returning to the field following an ejection. He was set to miss Tuesday night's home game against Minnesota.

Although he was allowed to set the lineup and address media before the game, Gibbons had to leave the clubhouse area before the opening pitch and was unsure of where in the stadium he'd watch the game against the Twins. THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Detroit Tigers president and GM Dombrowski replaced by assistant Avila

Dave Dombrowski is out as president and general manager of the Detroit Tigers, ending a run of nearly 14 seasons in which he helped turn the franchise from an afterthought into one of the American League's powerhouses.

The Tigers announced the move Tuesday. Dombrowski, who was in the last season of his contract, is being replaced by Al Avila, who has served as his top assistant since 2002. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Qatari diplomat takes aim at critics and says 2022 World Cup will be success

Qatar's top diplomat on Tuesday promised that his country would host a successful World Cup in 2022 and suggested that criticism of its successful bid was partly based on racism.

The bid is under renewed scrutiny following the launch of American and Swiss investigations into corruption at football's world governing body, FIFA.

In a wide-ranging interview with The Associated Press, Foreign Minister Khalid al-Attiyah reiterated Qatar's stance that it has and will continue to cooperate with investigators.

He said he was confident the event would go ahead and will be "the best World Cup ever."

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kent as passionate as ever

PARAPAN 2015

Reigning table tennis champ, 54, still has things to prove

Ian Kent's specialty is singles table tennis but he faces two opponents every time he plays.

There's the one across the table that everyone can see, and the one that no one can see but Kent can feel.

That opponent — a movement disorder called dystonia — tells his body "in a very, very strong way" to do a back flip.

"That," he adds wryly, "is not conducive to good table tennis."

And Kent has always been about good table tennis.

He has been competitive from the moment he and his older brother started playing in the basement as kids in the 1970s through to more recent years when, despite his disability, he continued to beat everyone in Nova Scotia, including his adult sons, in able-bodied table tennis.

That's quite the athletic feat for a man in his 50s who uses a motorized scooter to get around.

Kent was a top Canadian junior player but he didn't quite make the grade for the senior team. Rather than leave the highest level of the sport, he threw himself into another aspect of the game: coaching.

He was the national team coach for seven years, starting in 1986, and he continued to play and win at the provincial level. He would go on to teach his three sons to play the game.



Eventually, I got the courage to go back to the sport I love because I wanted something to look forward to. I believe every human being needs something to look forward to.

Reigning Parapan Am table tennis gold medallist Ian Kent on his struggles with dystonia



Canadian table tennis competitor Ian Kent, 54, will defend his Parapan singles title STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

In short, table tennis was his life. Then, on Aug. 17, 1999, he woke up confused, with a twisted and contorted body.

"Two years later I got out of bed, once I was properly diagnosed and medicated, and learned to walk again," he says.

Dystonia is in the same family as Parkinson's disease and it affects each person differently. For Kent, when he stands up, it causes the muscles in his lower back to contract. The more he fights it, the more they contract, pulling his upper body backward.

Given how much of his life had been dedicated to table tennis already, it seems inevitable that Kent would take up the para version of his sport. But the

transition wasn't automatic, or easy, for him.

"It was really my ego that got in the way. I didn't want to go back until I could really play," he recalls. At that point, he had been the provincial champion for two decades and his competitive nature didn't like the idea of losing.

He had to find the courage to play again, no matter the outcome. "To put myself out there as vulnerable as I was, realizing I was going to lose to most everyone," he says. "Eventually, I got the courage to go back to the sport I love because I wanted something to look forward to. I believe every human being needs something to look forward to."

+ STYLE

"I'm what is called a cerebral player," Kent explains. That, and he has a killer serve. "I gain massive advantage off my serves and, yes, that's the reason why I beat a lot of people that I beat," he says, grinning.

As it turns out, it wasn't long before Kent was winning in the para game and back to winning at the provincial level against able-bodied athletes, including his own adult sons.

But the 54-year-old from Eastern Passage, N.S., has a bigger goal in his sights right now. He's

looking to defend his Parapan Am singles title and qualify for next summer's Paralympics in Rio. At the 2011 Guadalajara Parapan Ams he won gold in singles and silver in men's doubles, to add to the two silvers he picked up in those events four years earlier. He was 12th in singles at the 2008 Beijing Paralympics.

"Most of the athletes I play are half my age or less, so I recognize that my opportunities for doing something like this are dwindling. So, I'm doing what I call 'an all-in' for this," he says of his preparations for the 2015 Parapan Ams, where he starts competing in Markham on Saturday.

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Serves 4.

Ready in

Prep time: 20 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 1lb pork tenderloin
- 1 Tbsp Dijon mustard
- 1/2 cup fresh diced pineapple
- 1/2 cup diced mango
- 3 Tbsp finely diced onion
- 3 Tbsp finely diced red bell pepper
- 3 Tbsp finely diced green bell pepper
- 1/4 cup finely chopped cilantro or basil
- 1 Tbsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- 2 tsp orange juice concentrate
- 2 tsp honey
- 2 tsp olive oil

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400 F.
2. In a large skillet sprayed with vegetable oil, sear pork tenderloin for about two minutes per side or until browned. Place on baking sheet lined with foil. Rub mustard all over pork. Bake for about 15 to 20 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 145 F for medium. Let sit covered while preparing salsa.
3. To make the salsa: Place the pineapple, mango, onion, red and green pepper, cilantro, lemon juice, orange juice concentrate, honey and oil in a bowl and mix to combine.
4. Slice the pork into medallions and garnish with salsa.

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 190
- Protein 24 g
- Total fat 5 g
- Cholesterol 75 mg
- Sodium 150 mg

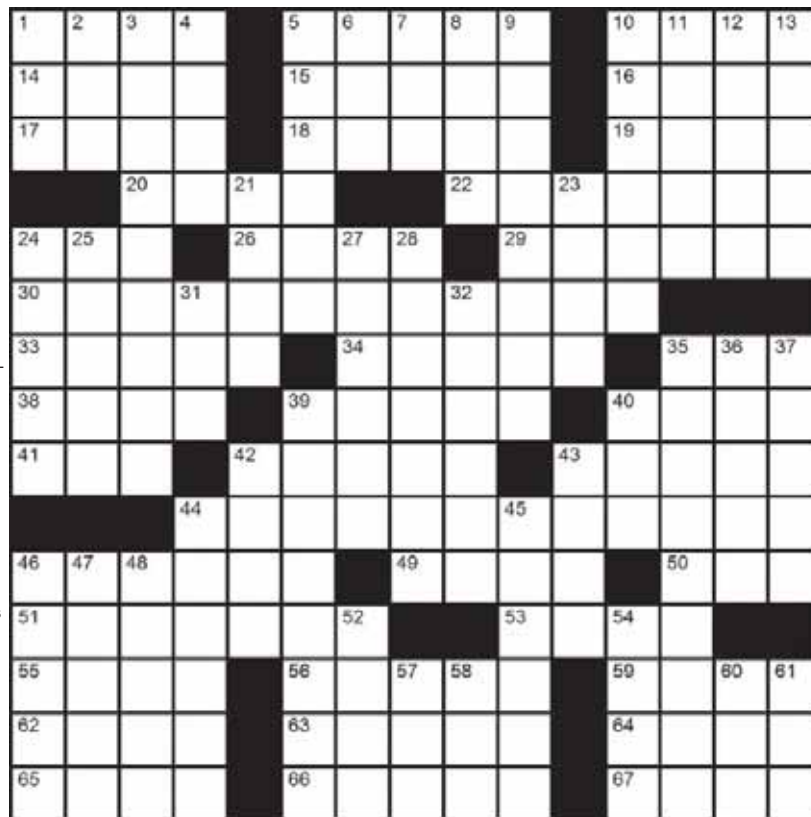
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

BY KELLY ANN BUCHANAN

ACROSS

1. Bandmate to Anthony Kiedis
5. Camouflage colour
10. Laddie's love
14. Curser's word!
15. Hawkeye State denizen
16. Ruler measurement
17. Not much, just _ _
18. Comb parts
19. Buffalo type
20. Name things on a pad
22. SPF lotion wearer's avoidance
24. "Halo" songstress, to fans
26. Put a 'roof' on a room
29. 1980s hairstyle
30. Concern for a cross-border shopper: 2 wds.
33. Flight segment
34. Persons, places and things
35. Dry, as wine
38. Misjudges
39. Shampooing direction
40. Jane Austen novel
41. Road covering
42. Annoy: 2 wds.
43. Without the extras
44. California setting of Canadian actor Jason Priestley's 1990 to 2000 series: 2 wds.
46. Calm
49. Kaput
50. Sanction



51. Singer/actress Ms. Chenoweth
53. Whispery word
55. Content or data, briefly
56. Abate: 2 wds.
59. Like an acorned tree

62. Elevator, to a Brit
63. Baggy, as clothing
64. Ice mass
65. Not as much
66. Door sign
67. Comparable

DOWN

1. U.S. health-related agcy.
2. Research _
3. Canadian painter, b.1871 - d.1945: 2 wds.
4. _-inflammatory

5. Baby cat
6. Furrow maker
7. _-inspiring
8. Kit _ (Some chocolate treats)
9. Brutish
10. Legally accountable

11. Void
12. Sports game outcome
13. Shall not
21. Stitches reminder
23. Pecans
24. Badger
25. Bonus
27. Light with a match
28. Musician/poet Mr. Cohen from Montreal
31. Howdies
32. Wind moving through tree leaves sound
35. Party conversation: 2 wds.
36. Mr. Hirsch of acting
37. Able, archaically
39. Rise and shine signaller in the military
40. The 'E' in REO, as per REO Speedwagon
42. Fine fellow
43. High degs.
44. Stupefies
45. Fido, when emitting a high-pitch bark
46. Talent
47. Bert's pal
48. Bits of jazz
52. City sign's light
54. Couch
57. Small fry
58. Bring into play
60. Garden pond fish
61. Languish

★ IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
For each thing you have lost over the past few weeks you have gained something much more valuable, and with each apparent failure you have made long-term success more likely.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You will tell others what you think of them today. However, you could be too honest for your own good. Be truthful about their good points, but play down their bad if possible.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You have given a lot in recent weeks and you will be expected to give even more today. Where affairs of the heart are concerned there is no limit to your generosity and, somehow, the more you give the more you get.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
These may be difficult times but it's not as bad as you like to make out. Put your work and well-being first today and start doing things that will help make your dreams come true.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
No matter how difficult the past few weeks, the next few will more than make up for them. It will start to go right for you again and your confidence will come flooding back.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you have any errands to run then get on them now because you won't have time later in the week. Besides, you will want to spend time and energy on more personal things. How's your love life?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Money matters have been a source of both joy and despair in recent weeks. Now you can see what needs to be done to return to profitable ways. So do it.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Your mind may be full of big ideas but are they good ideas? You will accomplish more if you focus on one thing at a time and put the rest out of your mind.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Many things you have been worrying about will resolve themselves in your favour. Look back over the past few months and work out where you went wrong. It's never too late to learn.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
If you get the chance to socialize today you are strongly advised to forget about work and have fun with friends. Later in the month you will become a lot more reserved, so get the most from your social life now.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You may have missed out on a chance to move up in the world but will be more opportunities in the near future. People in positions of power are looking to be impressed.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You seem to have more options than you know what to do with. For a Pisces it can be a problem. Select a goal and stick with it.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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